GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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GROUNDING OF AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines suffered losses on account of discrepancies in aircraft maintenance and grounding of A-320 aircraft;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard and achievements made therein;

(d) whether despite having facilities for carrying out major checks on A-320 aircraft in India some aircraft were sent abroad for check up;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the action the Government proposes to take to avoid such losses in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a): No, Sir.

(b) and (c): Do not arise.

(d),(e) and (f): Indian Airlines is capable of undertaking all maintenance jobs on all aircrft in its fleet. However, some Airbus A-320 aircraft of Indian Airlines had been sent abroad for major maintenance work because the actual arisings of major checks per year are more than the in-house capacity of Indian Airlines. The in-house capacity is for 18 to 20 major checks (C Checks) per year, whereas the actual arisings are more than 20 checks per year.